

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 10-17 and 31-33 remain in this application. Claims 2, 8, and 9 have been cancelled by way of this amendment and claims 18-30 and 34-35 have been previously cancelled. Claims 1, 3, and 10 have been amended.

Claims 9-12 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner stated that none of the cited reference disclosed, taught, or suggested the combination of mounting brackets having a plurality of attachment points and a spreader bar extending between mounting arms. The spreader bar is extendable for allowing the mounting arms to engage different attachment points of the mounting brackets. The Examiner also stated that none of the cited references disclose, taught, or suggested a biased pin quick-release connector comprising a support having a hole that extends from the mounting arm and that has co-linear holes.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the novel limitations as stated by the Examiner. Specifically, claim 1 recites a pair of mounting brackets and a pair of mounting arms. The mounting brackets are connected to a housing and each of the mounting brackets include a plurality of attachment points. Each of the mounting arms have a first end and a second end having an arm hole disposed therein with the first end connected to one of the attachment points. A quick-release connector mounts to the second end of the mounting arm and comprises a pin and a support. The pin is moveable between a locked position and an unlocked position for selectively securing the housing to the bucket. The support extends from the mounting arm and has a support hole therein,

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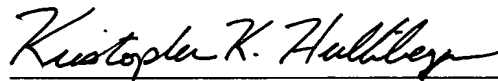
such that the arm hole and the support hole are co-linear to receive the pin. A spreader bar extends between the mounting arms, such that the spreader bar is extendable for allowing the mounting arms to engage different attachment points of the mounting brackets and to accommodate buckets of different dimensions.

It is respectfully submitted that the Application, as amended, is now presented in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Further and favorable reconsideration of the outstanding office action is hereby requested. Applicant believes that no fees are due, however, if any become required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789.

Respectfully submitted

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